MICHAEL MOEHLER

CURRENT POSITIONS

I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Virginia Tech and Founder and Director of its Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE). In addition, I am a Core Faculty Member of the ASPECT Program (an interdisciplinary doctoral program in the humanities and social sciences), an Affiliate Associate Professor in the Department of Economics, and a Faculty Fellow at the Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience at Virginia Tech. I received my PhD in Philosophy from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). My main research interests lie in moral and political philosophy, with a focus on some of the key figures of the two disciplines, such as Hobbes, Hume, Kant, and Rawls. I am also interested in contemporary issues in moral and political philosophy, such as the integration of rational and evolutionary moral approaches, public reason, moral pluralism, the welfare state, and the topic of global justice.

VISITING POSITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

During my academic career, I have held Visiting Professorships in the Department of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and its joint Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics with Duke University, as well as in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Graz. In addition, I was a Faculty Fellow at the Parr Center for Ethics at UNC-Chapel Hill, a Research Fellow at the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs at the Murphy Institute at Tulane University, and I served as John Stuart Mill Visiting Chair of Social Philosophy in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Hamburg. I received internal grants from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, the Provost's Office, and (together with three colleagues) from the Policy Strategic Growth Area at Virginia Tech. I was awarded scholarships and external grants from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), and several grants and gifts in support of the development of the PPE Program at Virginia Tech.

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES AND SERVICE (SELECTED – PAST AND PRESENT)

Design Team Member of the Policy Strategic Growth Area (University)

Administrative Review Committee of the Director of the ASPECT Program (College)
Administrative Review Committee of the HOD (Philosophy and College)
Founder and Director of the PPE Program at Virginia Tech
Organizer of the PPE Distinguished Public Lecture (PPE Program)
Organizer of the PPE Speaker Series (PPE Program)
Promotion and Tenure Committee (Philosophy and College)
Personnel Committee (Philosophy)
Assessment and Evaluation (Philosophy)
Graduate Admissions Committee (Philosophy and ASPECT)
Curriculum Committee (Philosophy and ASPECT)
Teaching and Honorifics Committee (Philosophy)
Publications and Events Committee (ASPECT)
Program Outreach and Development Committee (ASPECT)
Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee (ASPECT)
Search Committees for Philosophy, PPE, Political Science, Economics, ASPECT, and the College

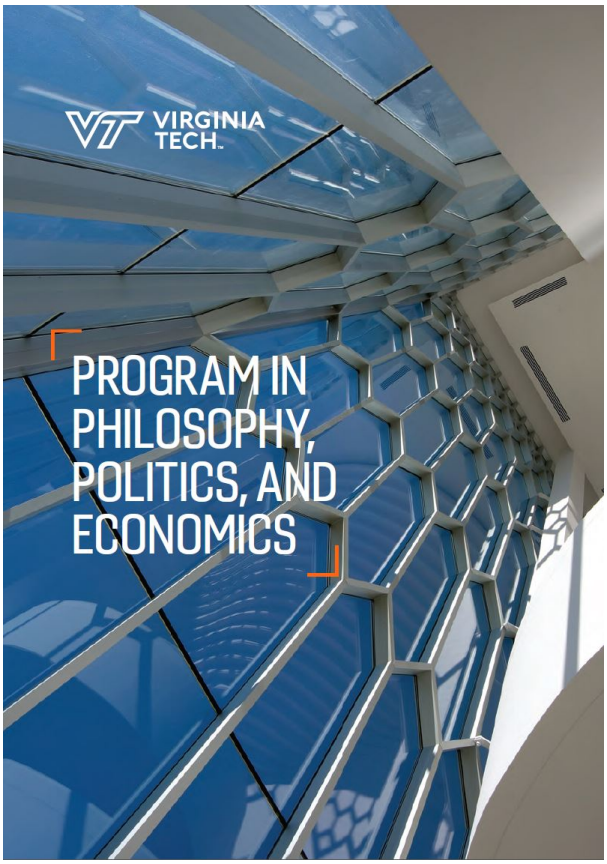
NON-ACADEMIC CAREER

In addition to my academic career, I have worked in Strategic Management Consulting and Political Consulting (for example, for Batten & Company), as a research assistant at the Ifo Institute for Economic Research, as a professional furniture maker (with degree), in a Nature Friends House, and in a One World Shop.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Ethics and Political Philosophy
Social Contract Theory
Public Reason Tradition
Political Economy
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

PPE PROGRAM AT VIRGINIA TECH



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